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WHAT IS THE ONE THING ALBERTA NEEDS MOST TO-DAY?

The Gateway has planned a symposium in answer to this question and hopes to present short articles contributed by men prominent in public life of the province. This week we present an article by:

W. T. HENRY, Mayor of Edmonton.

The one thing that Alberta needs today is a more vivid realization of the fact that our Empire is at war, and in order that our Nation should win, we as a people, must put forth every effort, and make any sacrifice necessary to accomplish this end.

We must not let the efforts of our brave boys, (some of whom have already paid the supreme sacrifice) be made in vain. If we, as a people, fail to realize in its fulness, the object our Nation had in view in entering the struggle, namely the protection of the weak, the liberty and freedom of the world, we will then have missed the one thing essential to prompt us to our greatest efforts.

No moral or spiritual advancement has ever been made without suffering and sacrifice, and the greater the sacrifice, the greater the glory. This struggle through which the world is now passing may be but the birth pangs of a new civilization with a purified democracy which will recognize, as never before, the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It may ensure universal peace, based on the principles of equity, justice and freedom, and if this is accomplished, the sacrifice and suffering will not have been made in vain.

Let our people place their comforts, their indulgence, their luxuries on the Nation's altar, consecrated by such sacrifices as our men have already made. We, as a people, will be better and stronger for it, both morally and spiritually.

It will strengthen our moral fibre, and ennoble our character. If we do not, we will lose the spirit of the conflict and the great spiritual benefit resulting therefrom. If we do, we will then be better prepared to go on in the future to meet new obligations, and encounter new difficulties in the forward march of civilization.

(Signed) W. T. Henry.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The Literary Department gave a Valentine Social on Thursday evening when about eighty students gathered in the Lounge. A short program of pleasing musical numbers was given by Mrs. Kelso, Miss Wheatley and Miss Flint. Miss McLeod also delighted the audience with her recitation. Then followed a program of games and after all had enjoyed the various group competitions a song contest was staged. Several amusing laments about 'Eight o'clock lectures' were composed and sang to a popular tune. President and Mrs. Tory were assisted in the 'arduous duties' of judging the songs by Chancellor Stuart who was present. The serving of refreshments marked the close of a pleasant evening; a type of entertainment that could be given more frequently to the benefit of the university social life.

Last week there was added to the collection of our soldiers' photos that adorn the library wall, an enlarged picture of the late Lieut. G. S. Fife.

The C.O.T.C. have received an issue of new mark III Ross rifles to replace the old drill purpose' rifles in use heretofore. With the supply of ammunition sent, some good target practice should be had when the weather becomes fine. A Sub-target gun has also come to hand which will provide aiming practice.

Last Wednesday, Major-General John Hughes, Inspector General of Western Canada and staff officer Major Sifton were the guests of our C.O.T.C. officers at luncheon in Athabasca Hall.

Messrs. Howard Pearce and C. E. Walker, ex-students, have left the city for Toledo, Ohio to work for the Overland Motor Car people.

A memorial in the form of a large portrait of Lieut. L. McKnight, late principal of McCauley school was unveiled in that school Friday evening. A graduate of New Brunswick University, the late Locksley McKnight took post-graduate work here. He was killed in action while serving with the 49th in France.

The Rifle Association met a team of ten men of the 19th Alberta Dragons at the Connaught Armouries on Friday evening and in a closely contested match reversed the result of the previous shoot, winning by a score of 800—802.

The amateur poem competitions conducted occasionally by the Lit. Y.M. and Y.W. seem to be productive of results even more far reaching than may be generally known, — for we believe herein lies the secret — the reason for the many poetic contributions received by the Gateway. Perhaps the Lit will take the tip and now turn to encourage the good old fashioned English prose. If students will not make a wholehearted effort to contribute occasional articles on current topics or short essays, then it is surely time that a course on Journalism and Short Story Writing was included in our curriculum.

Crescent Heights Collegiate, the holders of the Rutherford Cup have been defeated by a debating team from Medicine Hat High School. The winners meet Vegreville here in the University on March 2nd.

A change has taken place in the Faculty of Agriculture in that Professor K. McGregor has gone to manage the extensive McGregor farms at Brandon, Man. The new Professor of Animal Husbandry being A. A. Dowell, who comes highly recommended from the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa.

ROBERTSON COLLEGE

A very popular hymn in College these days is the old favorite of revival times, "Hold the Fort!" Also, a very live topic of conversation at the table is the theological problem of "the spirits in prison." A word of explanation may be necessary to the uninitiated.

Official intimation has now been made that Mr. M. S. Kerr has been elected minister of Fort Saskatchewan. Of course, "the deil is aye guid to his ain," so we shall not be too lavish in our congratulations.

We have no definite information as to how the Fort fell, though all kinds of rumours are afloat in the air. Now there are one dozen volumes of Modern Eloquence in the library. One student in search of these for material for an after-dinner speech found that they were missing from their accustomed shelf, Kerr having borrowed the whole set. In revenge, and perhaps with a tinge of envy, this gentleman was unkind enough to suggest that Kerr had bombarded the Fort with these till it was forced to capitulate.

Another ingenious explanation is that when visiting at His Majesty's hotel, Kerr was asked to preach to "the spirits in prison." After singing the hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," he expatiated with such thundering eloquence on the text, "Be sure your sins will find you out," that the founda-

tions shook and the Fort fell.

But we suspect that while there may be a germ of truth in these explanations, they do not give the real reason. It is our opinion that the "Treasures of Darkness," which Kerr preached last Sunday evening, did the trick. Now the origin of this sermon is lost in the mists of antiquity. Kerr has been preparing it for years, and it has done duty on many and varied occasions. It has been used as a discourse suitable to each of the four seasons of the year. It has been preached very appropriately at Christmas, New Year, Easter, and Harvest Thanksgiving Services. It has even been used with great effect as a funeral oration.

It is on record that on one memorable occasion when Kerr was conducting evening service in an obscure Western hamlet, the lights failed. Such a catastrophe might have upset the equilibrium of any ordinary man with an ordinary sermon. However, the theme was "the Treasures of Darkness" and Kerr pursued the even tenour of his way much to the amazement and admiration of an unsophisticated congregation. So is there any reason on earth which can be given why such an oratorical effort should not be used as a candidating sermon, and is it any wonder that it should have brought about the capitulation of the Fort.

LADIES

Miss Hammill student-secretary of the Y.W.C.A. has been with us for a few days last week. On Wednesday afternoon a delightful hour was spent in the Lounge. Miss Hammill spoke to the girls on Y.W.C.A. work. Here we took some counsel and after tea.

To "Not "Walt Mason" in Latin Style." Why signed you yourself thus?—thus spoke a girl from her high seat in the Waukena Rooms. We knew you were not Walt Mason. That cheerful philosopher would never insinuate that a Lady should not occupy the chair. Always must the chivalrous Gentleman rise and give a Lady the chair—hence our Lady "chair man".

Enthusiastic Student in Latin 31

Oh yes we're going to do Horace soon—the ode about the girl with the Titian hair, you know.

Lost by Miss Stewart — Cicero's De Senctute — It is requested that this valuable book be returned at once — uneffaced and with none of the notes erased.

Congratulations to the Basketball Team. Such good work and such enthusiasm show what the girls can do in Athletics. Dame Rumours has it too that the Girls are going to enter the Hockey League and we wish them success in this.

The Gymnasium class is as interesting as ever. We find it extremely beneficial — especially the relaxation exercises and the rest periods. The Highland Fling has not yet been quite mastered. We have not yet, altho we have done all the steps, accomplished the Hoot.

Fair Sophomore — "I wonder, Oh I wonder how Byron— (not gray) attained his lovely complexion — Does he use Baby's own?"

We wonder if Mutt and Jeff in their late reference to matrimony — in their Zoological analogies of the Most Fair had any reference to the Red Dears. Perhaps the gentlemen who peruse and study Mutt & Jeff could tell us.

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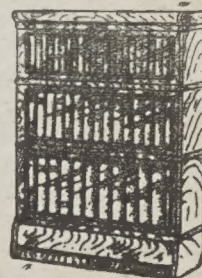
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Another somewhat listless week has passed by in things athletic, due chiefly to the excessively cold weather. About the only event of note was the hockey game on Wed. evening between our huskies and Separate School. The tide at last took that well-known turn and the local speed-artists took measure of their heavier opponents by 3—2 after a beautiful exhibition. The first period was one of those dear tea parties, but the second developed some high-class hockey. From the face-off 'Varsity ran in three goals in succession and were able to hold the foe to a brace till the bell. When the score was 3—0 the Separate boys uncorked a great burst of speed, but the home-brews had a reserve amply large to stave off defeat. The injection of East into the line-up put a great deal of pep into the old gang and his back-checking was an outstanding feature. Special mention must also be made of Lehmann in goal, who showed that slightly desirable stone-wall stuff and turned aside dozens of well-meant efforts. Every member of the team played up to the standard set in the gruelling Vermilion contest and the showing as a whole was very creditable indeed.

The Rifle Club have been calling special practises of late in anticipation of a return match with the 19th Dragoons and if Sinclair's 33 is any indication of the general improvement we ourselves are willing to wager a few of our hard-earned simoleons on the result.

GATEWAIL.

We open the current offering with a verse from Epicurus who, according to all reports, was quite a gay dog in his day. At any rate he is responsible for this:

"I met her at the Dairy Lunch,
A beauty, yea a bear,
And though a hasher, nothing
else,
I found her passing fare.

While some may decry the pun and mention it with contumely we ourselves are not one of those super-sensitive souls. We dare to fancy too, that we have the majority with us on this question. Witness one of our best-loved aggies, a brown and grandsome youth, who has

changed the good old phrase to "Yea veralee".

Adenoid Annie has punched the good old Remington at some length this week. Her latest creation bears the voracious

"Ain't It the Truth?"

There was a ham and he told a tale

To Snider and Kirk and me

Of the rum he'd drunk, and the beer and ale

And champagne, often by the pail

And of all his life, but one detail We wouldn't tell even me.

Of the jokes he'd cracked and the loads he'd packed

He told us one and all.

Of the games he'd played and the cash he'd made

In the haunts of barter and of trade

And the times, when broke, he shot, and made.

The ten, or money, ball.

Of exams and profs. his speech was sad.

For a pass to him was bliss

But with girls he claimed to be quite some lad

And he told of the pleasant times he had

All the fair ones with whom he used to gad.

But never a word either good or bad

Of the girl he couldn't kiss.

Oh the maid's you've kissed and the chances missed

In the summer time and fall

And the rings you've bought and the hands you've sought

Would never cause even a passing thought

If out of your heart you could only blot

The girl who said, "Well I guess not!"

Whom you couldn't kiss at all.

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be in a good position to run for Parliament at the next election. We imagine too, that if the boy were to run he would poll a pretty heavy vote among the Red Deers.

Frugal Felix says: "This is a rummy town. There are only two places a fellow can take a girl. To church and to the Lit." Why not take her skating on the Varsity rink, Felix? Or loosen up for two tickets and a nickle's

In answer to "Red Dear," Martin F—st—r and several others of the proletariat we may say that "Il Penseroso" means "the melancholy man". Now honest to goodness, didn't it make you feel that way?

In view of the fact that tests are postponed to March 5th we ourselves must say to the Faculty:

"I thank you."

CLARENCE.

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EDITORIALS

THE PRESENT LECTURE SYSTEM.

A mass of material, relative to the present lecture system in Canadian educational institutions, lies before us. If the amount of material is indicative of the importance of a subject, this subject is of considerable consequence. In several recent issues of "McGill Daily" and "The Varsity", Toronto, some caustic criticism have been advanced in respect to the method of lecturing usually employed by most professors and lecturers, especially those methods which encourage wholesale note taking, compelling students to become dictographs and prohibiting them from becoming thinkers. It is very apparent in the opinion of many professors, lecturers, graduates and undergraduates that there is something seriously wrong with the present mode of instruction practiced in Canadian Colleges and Universities. Many are contending for a system of printed notes or outlines, while others advocate an extension of the tutorial group system, so that opportunity might be given to all students to express their own opinions and criticism and thus gain independence of thought.

In institutions that have been established for some time, it is always difficult to effect radical changes, but nevertheless the straw can be seen and the direction of the wind determined. The remarkable thing about the West is not its radicalism nor its heterodoxy, but its conservatism, its orthodoxy. We have too closely conformed to the standards and methods of the East. Here, where every opportunity is given for genuine advance, we are establishing customs and practices which in many cases, are to be uprooted at no distant date. This is true of our educational system, and especially true of the Universities of the West. We are following too closely in all our activities in the footsteps of the East. When shall we lead? Our educational experts should be on to their job in every sense of the word, war or no war. If the present system of imparting knowledge is inefficient, let it be thrown overboard now. Students have a right to demand the best methods of instruction. Many hold the opinion that it is dangerous to allow students to acquire the wonderful secrets of knowledge too easily, and that it is to their advantage if many stones are rolled into the way. With the field of knowledge growing every year it is essential that the best methods of acquiring knowledge should be placed at the disposal of every genuine student. Perhaps there is more in the idea of the German "Kintergarten" than we think. The idea may be of value to higher grades of learning.

"The Varsity" Toronto, has thrown open its columns for a frank discussion of the whole problem. Faculty and student body are participating with great keenness. It is not too much to believe that soon there will be various changes in two Eastern Universities. Will Alberta be in the vanguard of the Rear guard?

Capt. Killam is now taking the names of students and friends desirous of enlisting in the draft for the 196th to be raised here in March. This draft is being raised in the name of a unit which particularly represents us for it is but eight months since the U. of A. Co. marched from the campus.



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LE CRUEL HOMME SANS MERCI

(With apologies to Keats.)

Oh what can ail thee, fair freshette,

That rollinge, — that frantic mien,

And why, with angustish wild, against.

That bookcase lean?

"Ah woe is me", the maid replies
With haggard gaze and hollow tone

"I e'en must needs an essay write."

There came a moan.

"Each week brings round the painful task

On Bacon, last, we had to write
From its results t'would seem I'm not

A shining light.

"He summoned me to his presence dread

And there I wept and sighed full sore

"Your Comp' he said 'of marks' tis worth

But twenty-four.

"Thus dashed were all my fondest hopes,

And I, my gown in anguish rent.
Oh why can I ne'er gain that needful

Seventy per cent!

"Oh sadly I gazed on the gay freshettes

Who entered there: so well I knew

That le cruel Homme sans merci
Would floor them too.

"And that is why I linger here
And con in vain the reference shelf

For to revise the thing is simply
Agony itself."

—A Sufferer.

At the supper table at Alberta College.

"Idiosyncrasies are to be regarded as invaluable in a unified line of thought for the shaping of Metamorphoses". F. C. — K.

President of Students Union calling Warren Hillerud at Alberta College over the telephone,—"Hello is Warren Hastings there?"

Here's a motto just your fit
Laugh a little bit.
When you think you've trouble hit,
Laugh a little bit.

SERVICE NEWS LETTER (Cont'd from p. 8, col. 2.)

member, we were allowed to visit the front. The usual "strafe" was well under way, the heavy artillery work being interperced and enlivened by some excellent sniping. Further active service realism was furnished by several ascensions "up in the air" and numerous references to the ability or otherwise of "tanks" to now obtain in Alberta the necessary liquid required for a proper exposition of tankhood.

Dr. Broadus' News Letter Article (Cont'd from p. 8, col. 4.)

Pope inscribed over the entrance to the Parliament Building:

"Here thou, great Anna, whom three realms obey
Dost sometimes counsel take, and sometimes tea."

So hurry home and reassert yourselves. There is only one way — a good old traditional way—to divert the amiable creatures from this political frenzy; but what's the use? Even that way doesn't stop them. After all, there must be a Mr. Pankhurst somewhere.

NOTICE.

For the present, the University Barber Shop, will be open three days a week Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Remember the days.

J. P. HARKIN.



HINTS ON LEARNING

By a University Professor.
(Taken from a series published in "The Varsity")

I suppose that we pedagogues have forgotten our early troubles in acquiring the technique of learning and never imagine that those listening to us in the lecture theatre have not yet learnt to learn.

It was a shock to me to find that an intelligent student could spend three sessions in a University and still be at a loss in the learning process.

How much work per day? I can unhesitatingly say that the majority of Canadian students I have known work too long hours. The rest try the effect of overwork and dope just before examination. Both systems are wrong. Mild and steady work, rightly directed, throughout the session, with a gentle spurt at the end is the only thing worth doing.

What is reasonable number of hours' work per week? The British Minister of Munitions on the recommendation of Stanley Kent, cut out all Sunday work, all overtime, and where necessary cut down the hours of work per day to eight. Overtime and Sunday work actually lower the weekly output. If this is true for manual work it is probably true for mental work. Cambridge mathematicians, who need no advertisement, say that anything over six hours work a day is wasted. Classical students work about seven hours a day and scientific researchers whose work includes a good deal of light manual work, about eight hours a day. It is fair, then to assume that a 48 hour-week is as much as a college student should do. Faculties usually arrange 35-40 hours per week, believing in keeping students "at it". This leaves 8-13 hours for private study. E.g., a second year medical student is expected to do 38 hours during the week, and this leaves 10 hours for private work—in other words two hours per night for five days of the week. And this should be enough for anyone! I doubt if my colleagues ever did as much as that. But I expect the programme appears meagre to most serious students—they speak and write to me as if they work from eight p.m. to midnight!

The main thing is to use your time well. Therefore map it out, produce a timetable and know how you're going to spend those two hours a night. Your friends will scoff and you, if you aren't a prig or a pedant will be continually altering your timetable. At times you should throw it to the winds. There is joy in breaking self-imposed rules if

done infrequently. All the same have a time-table.

As regards the rest of the time, spend Saturday afternoon in the open air and as much of Sunday as conscience will allow. In your free time, which is much, seek out people to talk rot to, preferably those who talk clever rot. Argue about morals, religion, politics, books, pictures, music and 'shop'. See to it that the argumentation is not just a mass of assertion and contradiction, but has a little logic behind it. And don't think in so doing you have wasted time. You have probably saved it in wasting it."

LADIES.

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"Ladies"

A streak, a bump, a lock of golden hair

Who saw the Wauneita Chief passing there?

Such a coiffure never before was seen,

In the daylight or on the green.

Thro' the library she did pass

This unassuming Wauneita lass.

Who thus broke all Library Law?

Who but the Artist Klyne Moraw?

A stands for Allan, a maiden is she,

Who is as bright as a maiden can be!

B that's Black who really is fair

To disturb her when studying, you'd surely not dare.

C is Clarissa who notes used to write

But when Clarence repended she got a big fright.

E begins Edwards who works at the News Letter.

To do this task, you could not find a better.

F begins Fraser, Betty by name

In every occasion you'll find her the same.

G—thus begins Green and Gold But I fear for this time my

rhymes are all told.

Anon.

To be cont'd.

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IN FRANCE

"I wish I could take you into the tent presided over by the man who used to sit at this piano M. W. Plunkett. One night a battalion, just out from their grilling in the trenches, came in. It was raining and cold, and the boys were tired and depressed. They had left behind them many of their pals. As they came on to the camp ground that night they saw the Y.M.C.A. tent and same in. The Colonel followed and stood at the back. Plunkett got hold of them, started them in singing songs, then on to some of the old hymns. He talked to them and helped them to forget, and lifted those fellows out of their troubles and finally they went out in a different spirit. The Colonel, as he went out with one of his officers, said: "That thing got me to-night. I must go back and tell those fellows. Did you see what happened to our men in there? Did you see how they were lifted out of their depression?" And he went back,

grasped Plunkett by the hand and tried to tell him what it had meant to his boys. He had helped them to one of the greatest victories—the victory of the spirit over the awful conditions of war."

From Address of Mr. C. W. Bishop, General Secretary, Y.M.C.A. before U. of A. students.

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"Anonymous". University of British Columbia.

The name of our own paper prohibits us from throwing stones, but we are compelled to criticism in a mild manner the magnificent title appended to the College paper of the above University. Such an excellent production deserves a better label.

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McMaster University, Toronto. ed by Hart Schaffner and Marx. Duncan A. MacGibbon, of The remaining three prizes were McMaster was awarded recently captured by John Hopkins Univ. the first prize of \$1000 in the Univ. of Chicago and Harvard Economic Essay Contest conducted respectively.

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Letters to be acknowledged this week are from Driver C. G. Markle (Dec. 27th) Corp. P. Young (Jan. 13); Pte. A. V. Houghton (Jan. 16); Corp. E. Duncan (Jan. 16); Lieut. G. W. Reeve (Jan. 19); Corp. J. W. Lewis (Jan. 21); Sergt. J. R. Love (Jan. 28). A letter received this week from C. Becker (Arts '18) reports him as a Flight Officer with the Royal Naval Air Service. Another letter reports N. H. Atkinson (Sci. '18) as having joined the Navy in Calgary. So we are at last represented in this branch of the Service. Markle writes from the 1st Base M.T. Depot at Rouen and encloses a much appreciated donation to the News Letter Fund. Young writes to acknowledge the eats. Houghton also writes on the same subject. He is with the 8th Field Amb. and speaks of having seen Joe Bainbridge the previous week. Bainbridge had a slight attack of fever but was almost O. K. again. Duncan of the signalling Section of the 202nd writes from Witley Camp. "Our Bn. is still together and it is rumored that we will go over as a unit when we are brought up to strength by drafts from other units. The H.Q.R.S. Company, consisting of bombers Lewis Gunmen, Signallers, etc, having been formed from the other companies caused their strength to drop considerably so more men are needed to fill them up. We are at present busy teaching company signallers (as each company has 8 signallers and N.C.O. beside the H.Q.R.S. signallers consisting of 16.) As the company signallers are all new at the job it is quite a task to train them in such a short time. Our signal apparatus is much better than that which we used in Canada. The telephone has a much higher note and is therefore much easier to read. We have electric lamps instead of the old coal oil ones, and it is much cleaner and can allow the operator to be at least 16 feet from his instrument."

I was glad to hear from Reeve again. After acknowledging the parcel and Gateways he says: "The last time I wrote it was from the London Hospital. I am now well enough to get about with the help of a strong stick. I hope soon to be quite fit again. The leg however will never be very strong. I should like to know where Dr. MacEachran is and if he has yet come over to England." (Dr. MacEachran is

at Seaford with the 19th Reserve Bn.-Ed.)

J. W. Lewis of the Pats reports: "I am now at the Canadian Corn and Depot taking physical training to make me fit to carry the rifle again. I enjoy the work greatly and am feeling in the pink of health. I will be ready for the next big offensive on the Western Front You wished to know if the News Letter in the Gateway was reaching the boys as regularly as the letter alone. From my own experience I can say that it has not. I received the News Letter quite regularly while I have only received two numbers of the Gateway. We had a boxing tournament running here for three successive nights. The referee was the President of the National Sporting Club. I attended all three nights. There was some very good boxing. On the last night I saw Major Grant filling a front seat, the only officer in the audience from Edmonton. I see Charlie Reilley occasionally as he is not very far away in the Canadian Training Depot, i.e. the next step toward the trenches."

J. R. Love sends along a letter of which the following is a bit: "Believe me it is no joke trying to eat a six months lunch in eight weeks. We have not had a minute to spare since the course started. We have put in two weeks already so its coming along O.K. We have 18 exams to pass in all so there is something new coming up all the time. They have about a hundred to many attending the school so they are trying their best to kill us off. We sent down nine boys from Lethbridge. Two of them are on the sick list but they will be on the job again soon I hope. Donald Black is getting along O. K. but is still confined to bed and will not be up for a while yet. He pulled off a sergeant's certificate and Blain a Corporal's Mothersill, Cairns and a few of the other Edmonton boys who joined the 72nd are taking the course also."

Dr Alexander and Dr. Killam leave next Monday for Calgary to take their Captain's course. The 218th left this afternoon for "Somewhere" taking with them Lieutenants Clark and White, Sergt. T. Wilson and Pte. Dobry of "ours".

Mrs. H. Moshier is now at the National Hotel at upper Bedford Place, Russel Square, London and would I am sure be glad to see any U. of A. representative at the tea hour.

I went over to hear the opening skirmish at the Legislature yesterday. Having assured the military man at the door that I was quite respectable and "knew a member" who would endorse the statement and produced said

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This week I asked Dr. Broadus for a contribution to this page. His letter follows herewith.

—Editor.

I wonder sometimes what you would think of the University just now, if you could "pop over" (as our English friends say) from the trenches. Would it seem like coming home, or would it be a bit strange to you? A good many of the faculty, familiar to you through a number of years, would be missing. Some, it is true, have gone with you; but others too are temporarily absent. Gone is that scientific member who is credibly reported to have "lipped in numbers", and who, in his infancy, must surely have established the formula for milk before he consented to take his first drink of it. Gone too are the shy and silent Boyle, the loquacious Cowper, the gentle Moshier, the stern and implacable Woodhead. These and others you would not see, if you could make an Aladdin's-carpet journey back to the Arts building. Instead you would discover new faces—a mighty son of Anak with a clerical collar and an English accent, teaching the young idea how to write good sentences—but even the written sentences have an English accent. You would see Physics being amiably dispensed, and you would hear German taught by as rabid an anti-Prussian as you could find this side of No Man's Land. You would see the flood-gaetz of pharmacy opened, and drugs flowing forth in a torrent which even the professor himself cannot wholly damn (or have I spelled that word wrong?) And most of all, you would see Agriculture in all its glory. Coat of arms, — am eight-gallon-a-day milch-cow rampant on a field vert. They are fine fellows — those agricultural boys. They ought not to go to the front, most of them, for you will need something to eat when you get back, and Alberta acres must not grow barren. They are fine sturdy fellows;— and even if they do occasionally write about a "duel"—purpose animal as if the poor thing were going to lock horns with somebody, they write better themes than any of you ever did in English I. You see they are as full of ideas on agricultural topics as an egg is of meat. And, frankly now, weren't those themes which you used to write in English I the most "splendidly regular, faultlessly null" things you ever saw in your life? As for the Dean of Agriculture,—had he come before you went away? Of course he knows his subject, but that is only a part of him. His ancestors must have kissed the

Blarney-stone at least once a generation since St. Patrick drove out the snakes; and he would be "reminded of a story" at his own funeral. He would stop St. Peter at the celestial gates to tell him an anecdote; and after he got in, he would gather a lot of young angels about him and convince them that the paradisaical parks ought to be sown to alfalfa.

And speaking of the Dean reminds me — are you getting enough smokes? I feel free to ask the question because there is a curious rumor abroad that I smoke myself. For that matter, though, a good many of us do. The faculty naturally divides itself into three classes—those who do, those who don't, and Dr. Sheldon. Curious, isn't it, how the war which is changing so many great things is also changing so many small ones? Down in the States, members of the "Anti-Cigarette League" are contributing to the "Tobacco-fund for the Allies;" and judging from the illustrated papers the officers and the Red Cross nurses spend most of their time distributing cigarettes to the soldiers. Idyllic picture, isn't it? At any rate, public opinion against the weed has been very much modified. When the war is over, your girl won't tell you that you will have to quit smoking; and you will not be forced to make the historic

—————choice between

The wee little whimpering
Love, and the great God
Nick o' Teen."

And, speaking of the girls, you really ought to hurry home. Not right away, of course. We do not expect to see you back till after you've seen the German back. But when you have taken a sufficient survey of that part of the Teutonic anatomy, hurry home. The matter — the girl-matter—is pressing. During your absence, these girls, in addition to working loyally on your behalf — Christmas boxes, Red Cross supplies, socks and what not — have been doing something for themselves on the side. Do you know that a girl is president of the Literary Society, and that another girl has smiled herself into the presidency of the Students' Union? Shade of Mrs. Pankhurst, what are we coming to? Now that they've had a taste of blood, what are they going to do when they graduate? Are you coming back to find the Edmonton School Board made up of women, and the City Council made up of women, and the Mayor a Mayoress, and the Alberta Legislature made up of women, and a quotation from

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